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SYSTEMS, JUNE 13 - JULY 12, 1976

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1. USINT E-C OFFICER CALLED ON DR. MUNIB AL-SIKOUTY (NOTE HIS PREFERRED SPELLING OF NAME) FEBRUARY 11 TO PASS DETAILS OF REF A AND MAKE SURE SIKOUTY WILLING AND ABLE ACCEPT NOMINATION. DR. SIKOUTY VERY PLEASED WITH NOMINATION AND EXPECTS BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE-- ONCE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS APPROVAL IS OBTAINED-- WHICH USINT NOW SEEKING VIA KIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: SIKOUTY BORN 1940, TITLE IS DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SOAD), MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. IN 1972 ATTENDED FIVE MONTH SEMINAR AT WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON ON GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. NO OTHER VISITS TO USA.

3. SO FAR AS USINT KNOWS, THIS WILL BE FIRST SUCH USG-FUNDED VISIT BY GOI OFFICIAL SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN IN 1967. MAY BE SOME WEEKS THEREFORE BEFORE FORMAL GOI APPROVAL GRANTED (THOUGH SIKOUTY EXPECTS RECEIVE STRONG PERSONAL SUPPORT FROM BOTH PRESIDENT OF SOAD AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE).

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